

28 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division  
Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT: Highest Priority National and Military  
Objectives in South and Central  
China and Hainan Island

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 6.

2. In keeping with the action of the Special Group and in response to a request from the DIA, the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance has prepared the attached paper for the Special Group. It deals with the question of the extent to which [ ] over South China met requirements against which the mission was run.

3. This paper will be on the agenda of the Special Group on Thursday, 29 March.

4. The DDI/CIA does not have an immediate interest in the requirements which would be met by another TACKLE Mission over South China. [ ] is sympathetic with another mission in that the requirements would be relevant to DDP's functional relationship with Defense during war time and also insofar as the findings from the mission would bear upon DDP's current functions with regard to North Vietnam. The DCI has a broader concern, namely, that the Armed Forces are supported with requisite intelligence.

5. It is the personal view of the undersigned that the Director should take a favorable view at the Special Group on the need for another mission in South China. However, that approval

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if given should require awaiting optimum weather to insure adequate coverage and thus avoid the need to mount another mission over this area at this time.

6. Recommendation: That the Director take a favorable view toward another TACKLE mission in South China when this matter arises at the Special Group.

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James Q. Reber  
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Attachment:

Subject paper

CONCUR:

The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved:

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